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FOR MRS. THOMPSON, ART IN EMBASSIES PROGRAM

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SUBJECT: METROPOLITAN MUSEUM EXHIBIT: REPRESENTATIONS OF
AMERICA

FOLLOWING MSG SENT USICA, AMCONSUL LENINGRAD 05-31-78
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QUOTE

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USICA FOR ECA/IP

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1. METROPOLITAN MUSEUM ASSISTANT CURATOR OF TWENTIETH
CENTURY ART LOWERY SIMS AND CONSERVATION SPECIALIST WYNNE
BEEBE ARRIVED MOSCOW MAY 30 AND WILL DEPART FOR NY AND
PARIS RESPECTIVELY JUNE 2. BOTH VISITED SPASO HOUSE
COLLECTION MAY 31 AND SIMS NOTED PAINTINGS TO BE RETURNED
TO METROPOLITAN. SHE WILL INSPECT ORIGINAL CRATES JUNE 1
TO ASSURE LOGISTICAL PREPARATIONS FOR SHIPPING WITH
REPRESENTATIONS OF AMERICA EXHIBIT EARLY AUGUST. SIMS
ALSO SURVEYED SPACES FOR REPLACEMENT PAINTINGS TO BE
RECOMMENDED FOR SPASO HOUSE COLLECTION.

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2. SIMS JUDGES PRESENT FRAME LIGHTING HARMFUL TO PAINTING
SHE WILL SEEK ADVICE FROM LIGHTING EXPERTS AT METROPOLITAN
ON ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITIES.

3. SIMS AND BEEBE REQUEST THAT JAMES PILGRIM AT METROPOLI
TAN, TELEPHONE (212) 879-5500, BE INFORMED OF THEIR MOSCOW

ARRIVAL AND THAT GARVER RECOVERY CONTINUES SLOWLY BUT STEADILY.

4. THOMAS GARVER, DIRECTOR NEWPORT HARBOR ART MUSEUM, NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, REMAINS IN MINSK HOSPITAL #4 UNDER CARE OF SOVIET SPECIALIST. HE REQUESTS THAT FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE TRANSMITTED TO BETTY TURNBULL, NEWPORT HARBOR ART MUSEUM: QUOTE - RETURN 20 JUNE EARLIEST. PLEASE HANDLE ALL ASPECTS STELLA SHOW. LETTER FOLLOWS. THANKS AND BEST TO ALL. TOM. END QUOTE. MATLOCK

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